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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview with Congressman Broyhill and Mr. Willgoos of Willgoos & Chase.

1. On 9 February 1956 Congressman Joel T. Broyhill (R., Virginia), accompanied by Mr. Willgoos of the architectural firm of Willgoos & Chase, called on me in my office. He made a special plea that a Northern Virginia architect be associated with the firm of Harrison & Abramovitz in connection with the construction of our proposed new headquarters building and requested specifically that such an associate architect be the firm of Willgoos & Chase.

2. I explained to Congressman Broyhill and Mr. Willgoos that the firm of Harrison & Abramovitz had been selected as the principal architect, that the project would be administered through a fully cooperative effort on the part of the General Services Administration and the Central Intelligence Agency, that we had not yet decided whether an associate architect would be necessary or in the best interests of the project, and that, furthermore, any architect selected would have to be entirely acceptable to CIA, GSA, and Harrison & Abramovitz. I stated that we were sympathetic to the idea of having a "local" architect associated with Harrison & Abramovitz but that no decision in this regard, even a preliminary decision, had been reached.

3. Mr. Willgoos had been in touch with the General Services Administration on this matter and was aware of the fact that an "agreement" had been signed. However, he said that he had been told by Mr. Potts of GSA that GSA would have nothing to do with the selection of an associate architect. He also said that he had tried repeatedly to get in touch with Mr. Harrison of Harrison & Abramovitz but had been unable to do so and wanted to know if I thought it would be as effective to get in touch with Mr. Abramovitz. I assured him that it would.

4. Congressman Broyhill and Mr. Willgoos indicated that they would like to go back to the General Services Administration and I agreed to advise the Congressman when we had been in touch with Mr. Floete, the new Administrator of General Services. (I believe that he then plans to try to see Mr. Floete on behalf of Willgoos & Chase.)

5. I contacted Congressman Broyhill by telephone on 20 February and advised him that Mr. Dulles had talked with Mr. Floete. He appreciated this advice and said that he would proceed to make an appointment to see Mr. Floete.

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